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Dear Families

Great News!



## Deal Parochial Girls' Football Team are League Champions 2023

Yesterday, our Girls' football team played Sandown. This was our fourth and final league match of the season, and having won our previous 3 matches (4-0 against St Mary's, 1-0 against Kingsdown, and 9-0 against Warden House), we knew that another win would make us champions of our league.

I'm delighted to report that we won 9-1. It was a great team performance from everyone; the girls, as always, played with great commitment, team spirit and sportsmanship. Ella, our captain, scored another double hat trick, with Chanel and Erin also scoring. I felt one of our goals was in fact a contender for goal of the season as it demonstrated both wonderful teamwork and technique; our goalie, Amelie, launched a fantastic drop kick up to Chanel in the opponent's half, who then skilfully slid the ball through into the path of Ella, who scored.

Well done, everyone. Your enthusiasm and passion for playing football is a joy, and you fully deserve to be League Champions.

As always, we are grateful to all our families who braved the cold to support us and thank Mrs Hodgson for her continued commitment to our team. Lastly, congratulations girls!



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## Charity donations

I am sending out a big "Thankyou", to everyone who has sent in a donation towards the charity 'Riding for The Disabled.'

The children were thrilled meeting Uni the guide dog and owner Lexi, who has been blind all her life. Lexi led an interesting school presentation, followed by a number of great questions asked by the pupils. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who enabled this very unique visit to our school raising our understanding about the life of a partially sighted or blind person, and for the continued support they give our pupils every week in the riding lessons taking place at Cornilo stables.

## World Book Day "You are Reader" - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

All children are invited to join in the dressing up fun. I know that this is not for every child and that is ok – please do not feel under pressure to dress up. Over the course of the day the children will have a world book day workshop assembly, and do some paired reading with children from another class.

Tomorrow morning is your last chance to donate books for the Book Swap event. Just bring them along to the hall at 8:30am. Thank you for all the lovely good quality donations we have received so far. There is a great selection for our children and parents to pick up some new reading material in the Book Swap event happening in the school hall after school tomorrow. We also have **The Deal Bookshop joining us at the event, with this year's World Book Day books, which can be exchanged for the voucher every child will have received.**

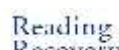
The Book swap doors will open at 3pm for a browse and a warm space to wait for the gates to open – pop in and say hello!

Refreshments will be served, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Bridgeland

## Assembly

Thank you to Vicar Ben, from St George's Church for coming in yesterday to lead worship. We listened to the well-known parable of The Lost Sheep – a school favourite!



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## A moment for reflection

*Compassionate God, we ask you: to fill us with your love, to place in our hearts a spirit of courage, to move us to reach out to others in need. And lead us to play our part, so that now and in generations to come all your children may share in our hope for a better world.*

**Amen.**

